
NO. 489
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL

July 12, 2007

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Ovitt, Supervisor, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 st Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 nd Vice President	District 35
Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37

Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme,	District 45
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario	SANBAG

Members Not Present

Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Troy Edgar, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles	At-Large

Staff Present

Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joanna Africa, Interim Chief Counsel
Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Sylvia Patsaouras, Acting Director, Government and Public Affairs
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ovitt called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance and invocation was led by Councilmember Alan Wapner.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Govt. Code §54956.9(a)
Name of case: City of La Mirada v. SCAG

Colin Lennard, Chief Counsel, that the Regional Council should go into closed session pursuant to Govt. Code §54956.9(a).

Motion was made (Young) to enter into closed session. Motion was SECONDED (Wapner) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Regional Council reconvened into open session. There was no report.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 4.2.3 was pulled for discussion. Motion was made (Young) to approve the remainder of the consent calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Stone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Minutes of June 7, 2007 Meeting

4.1.2 Merit Pay Program

The matter will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

Approval Items – Cont'd

- 4.1.3 Study Tour on Public Transportation and Mobility in Switzerland
- 4.1.4 FAA Grant Application for \$650,000
- 4.1.5 Co-Sponsorship of UCLA Extension Public Policy Program 2007 Arrowhead Symposium
- 4.1.6 I-710 EIR/EIS Funding Agreement

4.2 Receive & File

- 4.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000
- 4.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report for May 2007
- 4.2.4 Leadership Southern California Program Opportunity
- 4.2.5 Salary Administration and Tuition Reimbursement Revisions

Item pulled for discussion

- 4.2.3 2007 State/Federal Legislative Matrix

SB 375 relates to guidelines for travel demand guidelines used in regional transportation plans. Members discussed the ramifications of the bill. After discussion, a motion was made (Young) to take no position and work with the author. Motion was seconded (Sykes). There were two OBJECTIONS. The motion PASSED.

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 5.1 Committee Appointments

Regional Council

Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario, representing SANBAG as a County Transportation Commission.

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario, representing SANBAG

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

Hon. Cathy Green, Huntington Beach, representing Orange County COG to TCC

Announcement of the 2007 Officers Chairs/Vice Chairs

President	Hon. Gary Ovitt, SB County
1 st Vice President	Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest
2 nd Vice President	Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel
Past President	Hon. Yvonne Burke, LA County

Chair	Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside
Vice Chair	Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro

CEHD

Chair	Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro
Vice Chair	Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland

EEC

Chair	Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach
Vice Chair	Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead

TCC

Chair	Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario
Vice Chair	Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena

Subcommittee & Task Forces

President Ovitt requested that chairs of the policy committees review the membership of their task forces and subcommittees and come back with any recommended changes.

The Force for Change Committee (newly created)

Hon. John Bauman, Brea
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario

5.2 **AQMP Summit**

Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Edney and Councilmember Washburn, met with representatives in Washington, D.C. The senators were unable to participate at the summit scheduled for July 6, 2007. Therefore the summit was postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

5.3 Resolution to Recognize and Commend the 2007 Graduates of the Leadership Southern California Program

Regional Council members who completed the 2007 Leadership Southern California Program were recognized.

5.4 **Executive Search**

Ralph Anderson & Associates was selected to conduct the search for the position of Executive Director.

President Ovitt requested approval to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to enter into a contract with Ralph Anderson to conduct the search. Motion was made (Young) to delegate authority and enter into contract with Ralph Anderson & Associates. Motion was SECONDED (Edney) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Councilmember Washburn announced that Ralph Anderson recently passed. After discussion there was a consensus of the Regional Council that in the event Ralph Anderson & Associates were unable conduct the search, the Executive Committee would be authorized enter into a contract with Waters-Oldanie.

In addition President Ovitt stated that the Executive Committee should submit their comments by the end of August for purposes of finalizing the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation.

5.5 September Monthly Meeting of the RC, Administration and Policy Committees

The currently scheduled September meeting date is scheduled on the same day as Rosh Hashanah. Regional Council members were asked to reconsider meeting on a different day. After polling the membership, there was a consensus that August 30th was the preferable meeting date.

Motion was made (Wapner) to change September 13th meeting date to August 30th. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Executive Director's report was emailed to the Regional Council.

7.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)**

7.1.1 Public Hearing regarding Approval of Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

Councilmember Jon Edney, Chair, presented an overview of the RHNA process prior to the public hearing.

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, outlined the final allocation and final procedures. He announced that letters were received from Aliso Viejo, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Irvine, Indian Wells and Canyon Lake regarding the appeals on the RHNA.

Motion was made (Dixon) to include the letters as part of the administrative record. Motion was seconded (Stone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The public hearing was opened at 12:23 p.m.

Mark Asturias, City of Irvine, presented comments opposing the RHNA. Catherine McMillan, CVAG, presented comments supporting the final RHNA numbers and process, but felt the issue of housing units and tribal lands must be addressed and resolved at some point. Jeff Kugal, also presented comments. There were no other comments presented.

Motion was made (Edney) to close the public hearing. Motion was SECONDED (Jasper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Lynn Harris, Manager, RHNA, addressed comments presented during the public hearing. A motion was made by (Wapner) to waive reading of resolution. Motion was seconded (McCallon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Motion was made (Edney) to approve the RHNA. Motion was seconded (Jasper) with one OPPOSITION (Norby) approving the RHNA.

7.2 **Energy and Environment Committee Report (EEC)**

7.2.1 **Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project**

Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Chair, MOVED the EEC recommended supporting the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. Motion was seconded (Young).

Councilmember Reyes-Uranga, stated that even though the project was in-line with the program promoting renewable energy, she expressed concerns regarding supporting any projects prior to reviewing the EIR.

There were 40 AYES and 2 ABSTENTIONS (Reyes-Uranga, Becerra). Motion passed.

7.3 **Administration Committee Report**

7.3.1 **Regional Council Policy Manual**

Hon. Loveridge reported that the Administration Committee recommended approving the policy manual incorporating the proposed amendment.

Councilmember Edney, Vice Chair, stated that the CEHD committee reviewed the stipend and reimbursement section within the policy. Regional Council members currently receive a stipend of \$120.00 per meeting. CEHD Members felt that the stipend policy should be amended to allow policy committee members to receive a compensation of \$120.00 instead of \$70.00 for attending SCAG meetings.

Councilmember Wapner stated that compensation should be increased for members participating on policy committees, subcommittees and task forces. He felt that equitable compensation would also encourage as well as increase member participation on committees.

Motion was made (Edney) to amend the stipend policy effective July 12, 2007. Motion was seconded (McCallon) and OPPOSED (Barnes). Motion passed.

Motion was made (Edney) approving the Regional Council Policy Manual as amended. Motion was seconded (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

7.3.2 **GASB 45-Other Post Employment Benefits; Supplemental Defined Benefit Retirement Plan**

Motion was made (Edney) for financial planning purposes only, to approve a 2% triennial increase in retiree benefits; establish an irrevocable Trust; and fund the supplemental Benefit Pension Plan with a purchased annuity. Motion was seconded (McCallan) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.4 **Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)**

7.4.1 **SB 974 (Lowenthal)**

Councilmember Wapner, Chair, reported that the TCC recommended that the Regional Council take a support position and work with the author. Motion was seconded (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Councilmember Wapner also stated that the TCC discussed the \$2 billion Proposition 1B bond money. The TCC recommended that the President

select a delegation, as appropriate, to testify on the proposal before Committee.

7.5 Communications & Membership Subcommittee

Councilmember Becerra reported that the updated contents to the Member Handbook will be mailed to the Regional Council by the end of July. Members were asked to remove the old existing pages and replace them with the new updated pages.

He also announced that the 2007 SCAG Annual Report was completed as well as a new edition of the "Your Guide to SCAG" booklet. Copies were distributed to the members.

In addition, Councilmember Becerra reported that there will be a seminar sometime in the fall.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 2007 AQMP Goods Movement Control Measures

Hasan Ihkrata, Director, Planning & Policy, stated that SCAG will be submitting control measures to SCAQMD that will reduce emissions to meet the 2014 attainment strategies. The measures are: 1) Electrifying the railroad in the Metrolink systems; 2) Completing the grade-crossings not funded by local fund; and 3) Adding railroad capacity. SCAG is currently working with the CTCs on this issue.

Mr. Ihkrata announced that there will be a workshop on August 2, 2007 at SCAG offices from 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Goods Movement Control Measures.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS


There were no announcements.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on August 30, 2007 at SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director